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January 24, 2006 Meeting Minutes

Board of Health Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 24, 2006
First Floor Conference Room
Senior Center
5:00pm

Board Members in Attendance: Dr. Carole Allen, Mr. Gregory Leonardos (Chair) and Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick

Staff in Attendance: Christine Connelly, Director of Public Health, Denise Boucher, Health Inspector Mary Ann Jacobs, Department Secretary

- I. The December 13, 2005 meeting minutes were accepted as written.
- II. UPDATE: Tobacco Free Mass, Dr. Allen
Dr. Allen reported on a meeting that was held at her home January 19 for friends and neighbors to introduce them to Tobacco Free Mass (TFM), which was formerly known as the Mass Coalition for a Healthy Future. Dr. Allen had held the position of Chair for several years and stepped down after the statewide ban on smoking in public buildings had been passed by the Massachusetts Legislature. TFM is mainly a volunteer organization and includes several organizations, the Cancer Society, American Lung Association, Mass Medical Society, as well as individual volunteers. The focus this year is to promote the bill now in the Legislature to designate the original tobacco tax and the federal tobacco funds for use in tobacco control programs and to see that these funds are not put into the state "general funds".
- III. UPDATE: Body Art Establishment
This application came before the Board at the November, 2005 meeting. The applicant, James Quinn, has completed all of the requirements necessary to open his establishment. Connolly reported that an initial inspection had been performed and the final inspection will be performed with the Public Health Nurse over the next week.
- IV. UPDATE: 48 Mt. Vernon Street
Dave Vasconcellos, property owner, 48 Mt. Vernon Street, submitted paperwork from MAC Masonry and stated that the masonry work would be completed in April. Connolly reported that the owner will submit receipts once all of the work on the chimney is complete.
- V. REVIEW: Updated meeting schedule
A copy of the 2006 BOH Meetings was sent out and a few minor changes were made, but the following dates have been accepted: Jan. 24, March 7, April 25, June 6, Sept 12, Oct 24 and Dec 5. The meetings are to be held on the Ground Floor Conference Room, 27 Maple Street at 5pm.
- VI. UPDATE: Massachusetts Department of Public Health: Reed's Brook Cancer Study Results:
In 2001, Marie Walsh, the former Director, requested that the Department of Public Health conduct an investigation into a concern in the Reed's Brook area regarding cancer cases along the Reed's Brook property. The Center for Environmental Health Community Assessment Program proceeded with the investigation and concluded in the Evaluation of Brain and Central Nervous System Cancer Incidence there was no link between the site and the number of cases reported. Copies of this report have been distributed to Vision 20/20, Board of Selectmen, Town Manager, Town Planner and Patsy Kraemer. The Town Manager requested that an announcement be placed in the Arlington Advocate to let residents know the report is available for viewing in the Board of Health Office.
- VII. Public Comment
There is a new Christian-based Church called High Rock Church in the former Greek Church and they are opening up a

health clinic for uninsured and under-insured residents. They have met with Patsy Kraemer and a number of different groups in town. A representative from the group will be invited to speak at the next meeting.

Adjournment